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When I talked to Paul about this lawsuit he said that he hadn't seen it yet. I thought I'd pass it along to all of you in case you had not seen it either.

Duckworth Consulting's counsel sees this suit as unique to the Westwood "sidewalk maintenance" circumstance and I think I agree. It does not seem to call into question any aspects of our BID renewal process in Westchester, for example.

Please let me know if you see things differently. Thank you.

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From: **Mark E. Mandell** <[Mark@mandellmuni.com](mailto:Mark@mandellmuni.com)>  
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Here's the complaint

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**Sent:** Thursday, May 19, 2011 6:56 AM  
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According to the L. A. Business Journal: "Owners of Hilgard House Hotel (Westwood Investments Ltd) last week filed a lawsuit against the City of Los Angeles and the BID's Board of Directors seeking an injunction to halt the establishment of the District claiming it violates State Law." The article says the the Hotel's attorney is Dennis A. Winston.

Are the lawsuit documents public so that we can read about the challenge and it's claims? I'd like to see their approach to fighting BID formation.

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